



CUMBERLAND HOUSING GROUP

Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for January 2022



The Cumberland Housing Group wishes all residents, maintenance, and staff a very Happy New Year!



The offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, to celebratethe Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday!

Preventive Maintenance Inspections

Tenants **must wear a mask** when a housing staff member is in your unit, or you may choose to step outside.

January 5th Queen City Towers 9th Floor
January 6th John F. Kennedy 10th Floor

As a reminder, a copy of the Inspection will be left in your unit for your information. If any repairs need to be done, maintenance will be returning within 20 days to complete the repairs.

STAY WARM

Conserve Energy by:

- Keep drapes & blinds open during the day on windows facing the sun so that any available sunshine will be absorbed indoors.
- At night, keep drapes and blinds closed and they will act as an insulator to keep heat inside and keep out chilly drafts.
- Do not open windows in cold weather,
- Do not block air registers with furniture and/or curtains.
- Kerosene heaters are **prohibited** by the HACC and the State Fire Marshal.
- Electric heaters will be permitted which have a safety control for tipping, a cut off when a certain temperature is reached, a control for the amount of time it stays on and are currently UL certified.
- Do not turn oven on to use for heat.

Exterminator Schedule

January 6th Queen City Towers – Morning
January 6th John F. Kennedy – Afternoon
January 19th Grande View – 218-335

It is your responsibility as part of the lease YOU signed to comply with the following:

To act in a cooperative manner with neighbors and HACC Staff. To refrain from and cause members of Tenant's household occupants, guests, Tenant's "family members" and any other persons "related to" or "affiliated with" the Tenant to refrain from acting or speaking in an abusive or threatening manner toward neighbors and HACC staff. Abusive or violent behavior towards HACC staff includes verbal as well as physical abuse or violence. Use of expletives that are generally considered insulting, racial epithets, or other language, written or oral, that is customarily used to insult or intimidate, may be cause for termination or denial. Threatening refers to oral or written threats or physical gestures that communicated intent to abuse or commit violence. Actual abusive or violent behavior will always be cause for termination of your lease.

Report Your Increases to Management

When you receive your award letter for your Social Security or SSI, please take it to your property manager.

For Pets or Support Animals at all Properties:

You may NOT bring the animal on to the property or in your unit until the entire process has been completed. If/when you are fully approved, you will get a letter and permit from housing. If you are unsure of the process, please call Jaime Thomas at 301-724-6606 ext. 106. You may NOT bring the animal to your apartment and then do all of the required steps later.



Attention Residents - Bible Study
Cumberland Community Church

The Bible Study at Queen City Tower and John F. Kennedy is open to all residents and guests. This will be held every other Saturday at 6:30 pm in the community room and will end at 7:30 pm. You must wear a face mask and practice social distancing. If for any reason the Bible Study is canceled, it will be posted on the first-floor bulletin board at Queen City Tower and John F. Kennedy.

The Bible Study schedule for January is as follows:

John F Kennedy – Saturday, January 8th
Queen City Tower – Saturday, January 15th
John F Kennedy – Saturday, January 22nd
Queen City Tower – Saturday, January 29th
Time: 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Resident Council Meetings

Resident Councils serve as the voice of the residents at each public housing development. As a resident, you are automatically a member of your Resident Council. Your Resident Council needs your participation. The most important person in the Resident Council is **you!**

Residents must wear a face mask and practice social distancing at all Resident Council Meetings. If for some reason the Resident Council Meeting should be canceled, it will be posted on the first-floor bulletin board.

Resident Councils will be held as following:

Queen City Tower – It was voted in the December meeting to **stop** all Resident Council Meeting until the viruses are under control in our community.

John F. Kennedy – **Wednesday, January 19, 2022**, at 3 pm in the community room.

COVID – 19 Information

To get the latest on the COVID-19 Vaccine, call the COVID-19 call center at 240-650-3999.

There is free drive through COVID-19 testing Mondays, from 2 pm to 7 pm, and Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 am to 2 pm at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland.

Renters Insurance

Due to recent events at one of our properties, we cannot recommend strongly enough for you to consider purchasing Renters Insurance.

Renters insurance provides important coverage for both you and your possessions. There are a number of different insurance companies that provide renters insurance at an affordable fee. You can google it on your phone and get the phone numbers of different agencies in our area that offer renters insurance and compare the costs. You can contact your Resident Service Coordinator, Pama Wilson, if you need assistance.

My Groceries to Go

Those who participate in the “My Groceries to Go” program need to be home on Thursday, January 6, 2022. John F. Kennedy’s food box will arrive to your door around 9 am and Queen City Tower’s food box will arrive to your door around 2 pm. You must sign for your food box. If you have any questions, you can call 301-783-1752.

FOOD GIVEAWAY!

Third Wednesday of every month
in the parking lot.

(Next one will be on January 19, 2022).

Time: 2 pm to 4 pm.

St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Located in the church parking lot.

400 Arch Street, Cumberland

Questions: call 301-724-7250

All Maryland Residents are Eligible!

Are You a Victim of Domestic Violence?

If you or someone you know is in a Domestic Violence situation and needs help, please call the Family Crisis Resource Center Hotline 301-759-9244 for assistance.

Need Help to Quit Smoking?

Are you or someone you know trying to quit smoking? Did you know there are 2 FREE ways to quit? Just call the Allegany County Health Department at 301-759-5050 or Maryland’s Quit line at 1-800-784-8669

Crime Solvers Tip Line

301-722-4300

www.allegany-mineralcountycrimeslovers.com

To report **suspected Drug Activity**, leave an anonymous tip at 301-759-4660.

Paying your rent online is EASY!

Go to cumberlandhousing.org and click on the “Click here to make an online payment” tab. No need to leave home, go to the bank or get a ride to one of our offices. And no need for the hassle of buying money orders, envelopes or stamps.

Face Masks

This is a reminder that all staff, residents, and guests still have to wear face masks in all common areas. Thank you for your cooperation.

